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Information circular*

To: Members of delegations and staff

From: The Assistant Secretary-General for Central Support Services

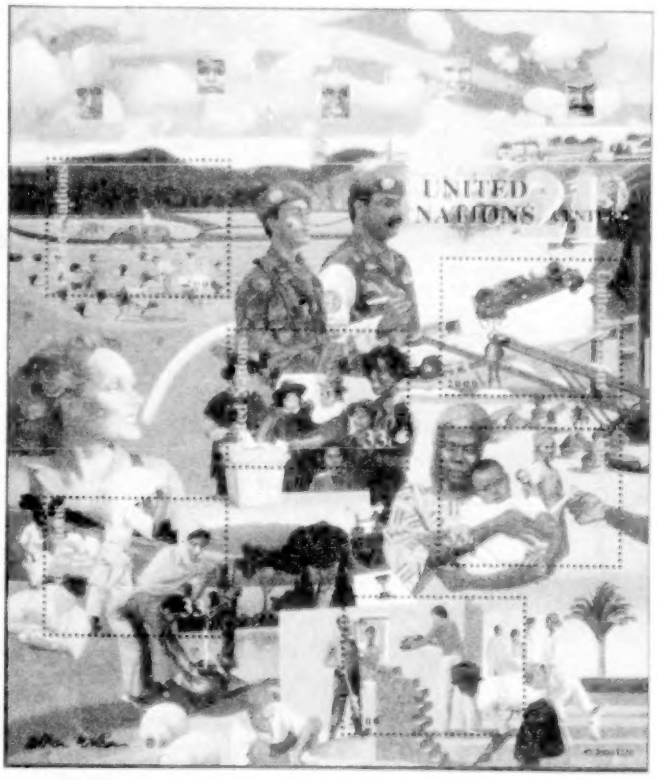
Subject: **First day of issue: 15 September 2000: "The United Nations in the 21st Century" and "International Flag of Peace" stamps**

Commemorative stamps

The United Nations in the 21st Century

1. On 15 September 2000, the United Nations Postal Administration (UNPA) will issue three commemorative mini sheets of six stamps on the theme "The United Nations in the 21st century" to reflect upon the goals of the United Nations as we enter the new millennium. The stamps, in denominations of 33 cents, SwF 0.50 and $ 3.50/€ 0.25, were designed by Wilson McLean (United Kingdom).

(United States equivalerts — SwF 0.50 = $0.30 and $ 3.50/€ 0.25 = $0.24, subject to exchange rate fluctuation.)



Selling units

2. Owing to the unusual format of the six-stamp sheets, collectors are advised that the following selling units are available:

(a) **Mint stamps** — full sheet of six stamps only;

(b) **First day covers** — One large jumbo cover for each denomination affixed with the full sheet.

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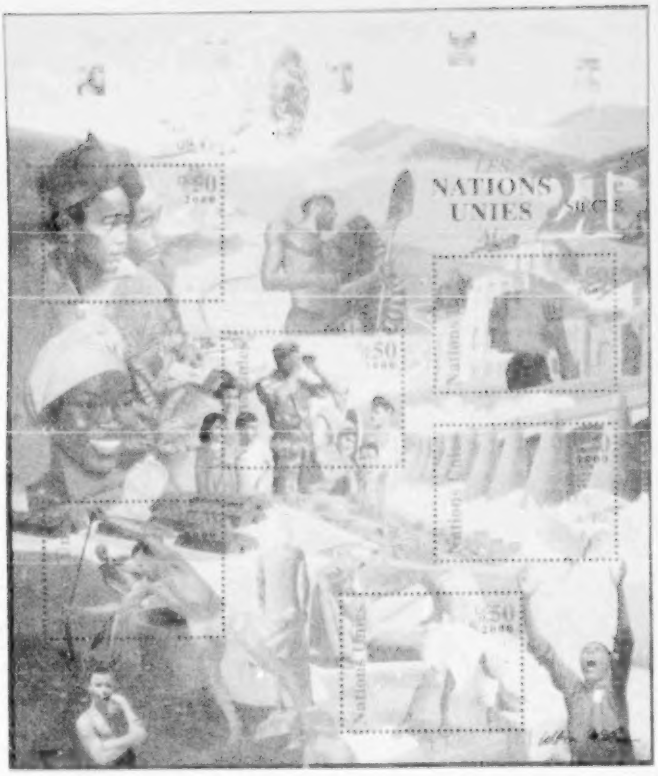

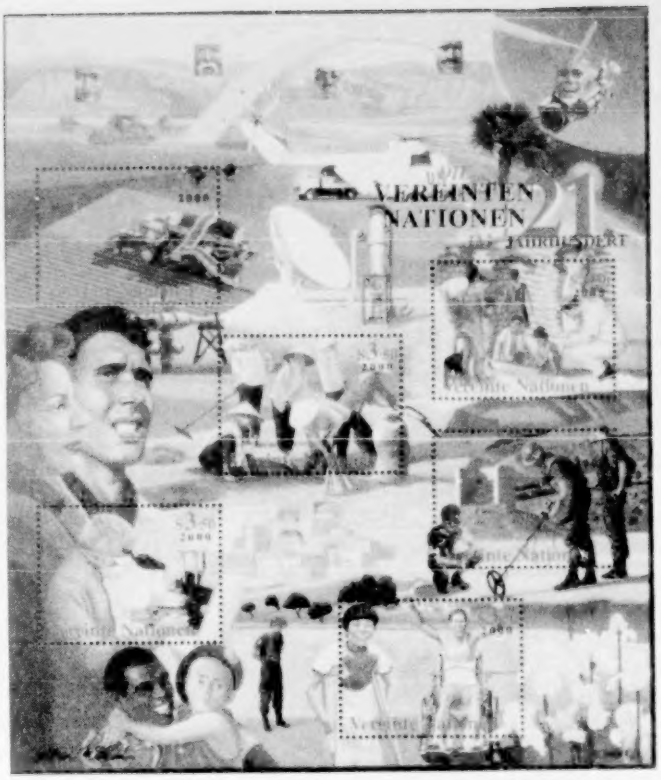

International Flag of Peace

3. To reaffirm the ideal of peace among young people, the United Nations CyberSchoolBus, in cooperation with UNPA and the International Olympic Committee, sponsored the Peace Flag project. Students from around the world were invited to send their vision of what a world peace flag would look like. This stamp is based on the winning entry by 12-year old Mateja Prunk (Slovenia). It is being issued on 15 September 2000 to coincide with the opening day of the Olympic Games in Sydney, Australia.

General information

4. For the convenience of collectors, UNPA at Headquarters will provide prepared and cancelled New York, Geneva and Vienna first day covers on the UNPA official first day cachets **only**. Members of delegations and the staff can obtain these items on Friday, 15 September, at the following locations:

(a) UNPA sales counter in the concourse of the General Assembly Building, 9 a.m. to 5.30 p.m.;

(b) Counter at the north end of the Secretariat lobby, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

5. First day of issue cancellations can be obtained at a temporary United States Postal Service substation located outside the United Nations Bookshop in the concourse of the General Assembly Building, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

6. Information on United Nations stamps can be accessed on the Internet at <http://www.un.org/Depts/UNPA>.